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ents, challengers score big at primary election

Tippen
Staff Writer

Only 11 percent of the registered voters in Romulus determined the 14 candidates who will appear on the Nov. 8 city council ballot.

The top 14 vote getters will move on to vie for seven open seats on the city council in the general election.

Unofficial totals Tuesday showed: Randolph Gear netted 1,006 votes, Leroy Burcroff received 925, William Wadsworth received 899, Ellen Craig-Bragg received 876, John Barden received 804, William Crova received 754, Michael Prybyla received 632, Harry Crout received 600, Neima White received 473, Charles Miller received 421, Ed Buczkowski received 401, Rodney Pennington received 328, Stephen Lewkowicz received 303, Leo Knasiak received 245, Tony Heimberger received 195, and Christopher Walock received 186.

Incumbent Councilwoman Debbie Romak is not running for re-election because she is seeking to unseat Mayor Alan Lambert in November.

Walock and Heimberger, both of whom have sought election previously, were eliminated by voters.

If the general election were today, incumbents Gear, Burcroff, Wadsworth, Prybyla and Crova would be council members, along with challengers Barden and Craig-Bragg. Incumbent Councilman Charles Miller would be eliminated, which is unusual in a city that is traditionally loyal to incumbents. In the past 20 years, only one incumbent, Don Morris, was unseated. Miller was the candidate that unseated him in 2001.

But primary elections often do not mirror general election results, said City Clerk Linda Choate.

"I've seen people over the years that have come up from way back to win a council seat," she said. "It doesn't happen often, but we have seen it."

Burcroff said he doesn't want to be over confidant, but said he was happy with night's results.

Voter turnout, however, disappointed Burcroff and others at city hall waiting for results Tuesday. Of the 16,690 registered voters in the city, about 11 percent made it to the polls.

"I know that it's just the primary, but it's a privilege to be able to cast a vote," he said. "I was really hoping the total would be higher."

Walock, who was eliminated from the general election contest, said his age might have worked against him.

"Given that I'm only 25, that seemed to hurt me a little," he said. "I thought I put together a pretty good campaign." He said

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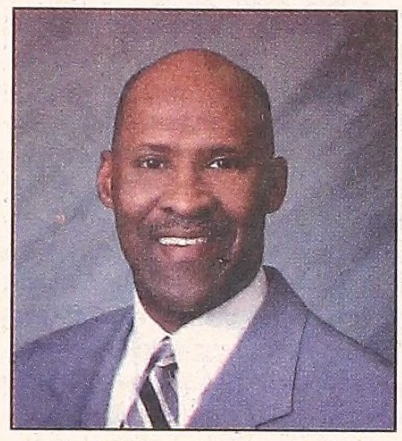
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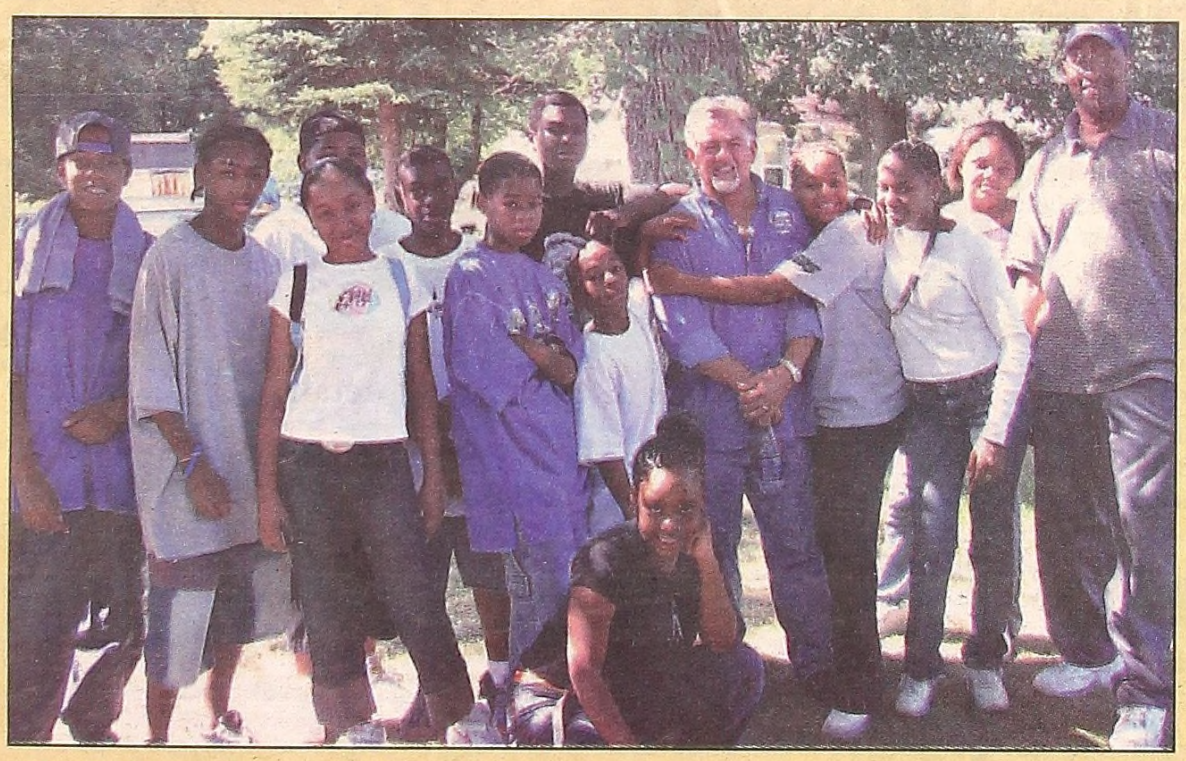

Helping hands

The community of Romulus continued the outpouring of support for victims of Hurricane Katrina this weekend when Mayor Alan Lambert (center) and Mayor Pro-tem Randy Gear (far right) stopped to thank young volunteers at the Coleman Center who helped load a relief truck that left for New Orleans Saturday. Lambert donated $3,800 in supplies he purchased from Sam's Club. "It's a great feeling knowing you are helping people who really need it, Lambert said. The trucks, and the effort to secure donations, was organized by St. John's Lodge. The student helpers were organized and transported the Coleman Center by Gear.

Treasurer race down to 2 candidates

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Incumbent Treasurer Pamela Kersey will face challenger Larry Moore in the general election in November.

Kersey and Moore defeated candidate Frank Romeo during the primary election Tuesday. Romeo received 97 votes. Kersey was the top vote getter with 1,152, and Moore received 340. In total, 1,702 ballots were cast, according to an unofficial count provided by City Clerk Linda Choate.

Both candidates expressed gratitude and confidence at city hall as the votes were tallied.

"This is all determined by the voters as part of the election process," said Kersey, who has served three terms as treasurer. "I've tried not to dwell on the election. I really feel that it's in the people's hands."

Though there are a vast number of votes separating Kersey from Moore, the challenger said he's committed to spending the next two months closing the gap.

"I came in second, and I haven't done that much work," said Moore. "Two months is a long way off, and I have a lot to do, but I still think I can gain more votes. I've got a few months, and I have a lot of work to do."

Moore said he was disappointed in the voter turnout, but thinks that can work to his advantage.

"There was an incredibly small turnout this time, and I think there will be vastly more people voting in November because of the mayor's race," he said. "I'm still very optimistic despite these returns."

Kersey has served in the

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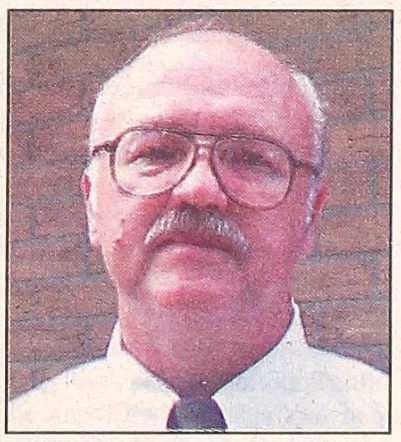
Pam Kersey


Larry Moore

No health threat found in explosion residue

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The long-awaited Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report regarding the Aug. 9 fire at EQ Resource Recovery was released last week, and confirms the initial findings that the dust cloud released as a result of the explosion has caused no lingering health threat.

The levels of lead, arsenic and cadmium found in samples from air monitors and residue tests taken after the explosion indicate that measurable levels are not toxic, according to the federal investigation and study. Test results measured that a granule of lead small enough for a child to swallow was 12.2 parts per million in residential areas in Wayne and Romulus, which is below the state benchmark of 21 parts per million.

Levels of arsenic are measured at about 2.83 parts per million, with about 5.8 being the number normally found in Michigan.

Don DeBlasio, a spokesman for

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Telling tales

Professional storyteller to discuss local Underground Railroad sites

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Times have changed for the better, but revisiting the not-so-distant past goes a long way to help people of different cultures understand each other.

So says Jacqueline Blake, a former teacher and storyteller who will return to the Romulus Pumpkin Festival for the third time to give her presentation, "Follow the Drinking Gourd," to children and adults at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Kingsley House at Romulus Historical Park.

"It was truly a miracle that I met Pearl (Varner) and that she invited me back to the Pumpkin Festival," said Blake. "This is a great opportunity to teach children about the heritage of African Americans in the United States, and to tell people about the historical significance of Romulus."

"Follow the Drinking Gourd" is aimed at children of all ethnic backgrounds. It utilizes the art of storytelling to explain how the Underground Railroad worked, and the sacrifices and risks African Americans took to reach freedom in Canada. Blake formulated the stories from historical texts to bring factual information to children in way that is easy for them to understand. Songs, role-playing, secret codes and authentic African artifacts are part of the presentation.

Speaker Jacqueline Blake wears traditional African garb during her storytelling session, called "Follow the Drinking Gourd."

"I've done a lot of traveling, and I've picked up some authentic drinking vessels and other pieces," she said. "It really helps to bring the culture – and stress that there was a country – before slavery. I stress that the slaves had a county and were kidnapped from their homeland. The Underground Railroad was a really important step for enslaved people."

Historical preservationists in Romulus believe Kingsley House, which was constructed during the early- to mid-1800s, was a hub of activity for the anti-slavery movement in the northern states. Varner, the president of the Romulus Historical Society, said there are three trap doors that could have been gateways for the Underground Railroad.

Blake knows that's a little-known possibility among city residents.

"That's one of my personal goals in speaking, and one of the things I would like to do is prove that (Kingsley House) really was, without a doubt, a part of the Underground Railroad.

"I know it's difficult to prove, but I would at least like to see a marker," she said. "At the very least, I think people need to know that something this historically significant is in their backyard."

Blake is originally from New York City, where she learned about storytelling at home.

"I really learned about the power of storytelling at my mother's knee," she said. "She told me wonderful stories about my great-grandfather, who was born into slavery. She told me how he built a life for himself after he was emancipated in 1863. That's when my interest began."

Blake went on to college and then secured a job as an elementary school teacher. She began to look for books and information in the marketplace featuring African Americans as main characters, but found nothing.

"That was in the 70s, and there wasn't much out there," she said. "I looked again in the 80s – when my children were born – and I found some things. But I decided right then that I wanted to share the stories I was told."

Blake then became a public speaker. Last year, she spoke at about 400 different elementary schools, libraries and fairs, most during African American History Month. She said children of all ethic backgrounds responded well to the presentation.

"I can remember giving four different presentations in the Farmington School District, and the principal signed me up on the spot for the following year," he said. "All of the children – not just African American children – need to know about our history. It's especially important for non-African American children – and they just soak up the information. Sometimes they come up and give me a hug. Their minds are so open at that age."

Varner said Pumpkin Festival-goers are equally enthusiastic.

"Jacqueline's stories are so informative," she said. "We ask her back every year because we've had so much positive feedback."

Blake said she hopes the stories help foster multi-cultural understanding.

"My focus is on African Americans, but I have several other presentations on different cultures," she said. "It's great that the kids learn – real education comes from understanding each other. That's my life's mission."

Spagetti dinner to fund computers

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Teachers and students at Edgemont Elementary School in Belleville are putting down their textbooks for a night of fun and fundraising.

School staff and members of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) are planning a dinner to generate funds for new school computers.

The event—Edgemont Computers for Kids Fundraising Gala—will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located at 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus. Tickets are $35 and will include: hors d'oeuvres; drinks; entertainment by both a DJ and live guest performer; prizes, such as roundtrip tickets and hotel accommodations and autographed sports memorabilia from Mohamed Ali; raffles and both a silent and live auction, which will include cash prizes and a home entertainment system.

Edgemont principal Brian Kissman, said the evening will not only be lots of fun, but it's all for a great cause—upgraded technology to improve student education.

"Everyone and anyone who wants to make a difference for kids, learning and education is invited," he said. "It gives the community a chance where they can get together, have a good time and generate funds for an educational cause."

Currently, Edgemont has one computer in each classroom and only a few in the media room. Kissman said they are all extremely outdated.

"It's time to expand and upgrade," he said. "I hope to have 10 additional computers for our media lab and three computers in each classroom. Technology is very expensive. We're not going to do this type of event every year, but this time we wanted to go for a big one."

The school also has a big goal—to generate $50,000-75,000. It would fund the additional computers plus a high-speed Internet access.

Kissman said that there are sponsorship opportunities available, including platinum, gold and silver sponsors who will receive special event deals. Personal donations of cash and prizes will also be accepted.

For more information, to sponsor or to donate, call Colleen Suthers at 734-697-5759. Donations and tickets purchases can also be made at Edgemont Elementary, located at 125 Edgemont St., 734-697-8002.

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Pumpkin Festival returns to downtown Friday

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Members of the Romulus Pumpkin Fest Committee have released a final schedule of events in the hopes that thousands of area residents will help the city welcome autumn.

The Pumpkin Fest will begin tomorrow and continue through Sunday. The three-day event takes place in downtown Romulus on Goddard Road between Shook Road and Romaine Street.

Maria Lambert, chairperson of the event, said this year the festival is a combination of what attendees expect along with a few surprises. This year, she said the event would have more activities for teens.

Mayor Alan Lambert said the event is a great showcase for the city.

"I encourage everyone to come down here and see what (the Pumpkin Festival) is all about," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

More than 70 crafters will display their wares along Goddard Road. The popular Parade of Lights will start at dusk tomorrow. The parade is a little longer each year, and this year, more than 75 floats and displays will drive off from city hall on Wayne Road to their final destination near Goddard and Shook roads.

A full schedule of events is also set for Saturday. The Romulus Kiwanis Club will begin the day with a pancake breakfast. The organization will also host the Crusin' Car Show, a pumpkin rolling contest, sack races, a three-on-three basketball competition and a spaghetti dinner.

One new event this year is the "So You Think You Can Dance?" competition. Teens 13-18 are welcome to sign up for the competition, and winners will be selected by age group. Visitors can attend the dance without entering the competition. The event will be from 8-11 p.m. at the Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga Road. Chaperones will be provided.

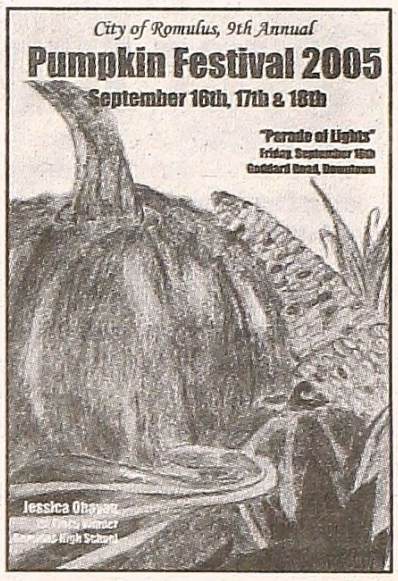
Councilman William Wadsworth will also put on the Third Annual Bingo Fundraiser for the Romulus Animal Shelter Drive. Bingo will take place at the new Romulus Senior Center at the corner of Bibbins and Shook roads from 4 p.m. to midnight tomorrow, from noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Wadsworth said the fundraiser is by far the biggest of the year in terms of the effort to build a new animal shelter.

"I would say that this is the most important fundraiser for us this year," he said. "Last year's event brought in more than $5,000. Without this event, we'd be much farther behind in our fundraisers."

Live entertainment and historical reenactments are scheduled throughout the weekend. Bands will be featured on the main stage; beginning at 6 p.m. tomorrow. Groups represent a diverse cross section of musical tastes, from the jazz stylings of Straight Ahead to the blues beat of Groove Essential and Something Blue.

The Romulus Historical Society will host several events over the weekend at Historical Park, featuring Jacqueline Blake's "Follow the Drinking Gourd" presentation about the Underground Railroad, and an Abraham Lincoln impersonator, early American craft demonstrations, museum exhibitions and tours of the historic Kingsley House. Face painting will also take place at the park.



Romulus High School student Jessica Obayan won the contest this year for the cover drawing of the official Pumpkin Festival booklet.

News in Brief

Daddy-Daughter Dance set

The Parks Department is sponsoring a Daddy-Daughter Dance to commemorate Sweetest Day. The dance will take place at Romulus High School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 12.

The cost is $8 per couple, and $2 for each additional daughter. There will be free dancing, refreshments, a flower for each daughter and a photograph.

Pre-registration is required and no tickets will be sold at the door. Dads must register by Oct. 10. Tickets can be purchased using cash only at the Romulus Recreation Center at 35765 Northline Road. For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Book sale begins

One of the largest used book sales in the area will take place in tandem with the Romulus Pumpkin Festival this Saturday at the Romulus Public Library.

The sale is sponsored by the library friends organization to benefit several ongoing projects at the library that are not funded by the city. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Adult hardcover books will cost $1, adult paperbacks and children's hardcover books 50 cents each, and children's paperbacks 25 cents. From 3 until 6 p.m. Sunday, shoppers can fill a bag with books for $2. For more information, call the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589.

Movies play at the park

Romulus Parks and Recreation representatives have scheduled several new programs for families this fall.

Movies in the Park will once again take place at the Elmer Johnson Park every Friday evening through Oct. 14. No movie will be shown on Sept. 16 to accommodate for the Pumpkin Festival Parade of Lights. Movies shown are family-friendly and will begin at dusk.

All movies are free of charge, and concession stands will provide snacks. For more information, call (734) 331-2607. The Spring Fling Committee and Romulus Wesleyan Church sponsor Movies in the Park.

Spaghetti dinner planned

Community United Methodist Church members are planning a spaghetti dinner to help fund improvements to the church facility. The dinner will be at the church at the corner of Olive and Bibbins streets from 4-7 p.m. this Saturday. The "All You Can Eat" buffet will feature salad, rolls, pumpkin pie, coffee, tea milk, and of course, spaghetti.

Whole pumpkin pies will be available for $7. Dinner costs $8 for adults and $4 for children 6 to 12 years old. Those under 5 eat for free. Carry out orders are available by calling the church in advance. For more information, call (734) 941-0736.

New vehicle will help in emergencies

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Just one month after a fire engulfed a chemical plant in Romulus, the city is using Homeland Security grant funds to purchase a mobile command center that will help law enforcement entities communicate efficiently during emergencies.

Margaret Leduc, city emergency management coordinator, made the case for the $278,000 vehicle at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council meeting Monday.

"It's getting to the point where the grant funds must be used, and we think this is the best use for the funds at this time," she said. "We used Canton's command center during the EQ fire, and it worked well."

The grant funding was awarded directly to the city in 2004 which is fairly unusual because in most cases the government gives funds to Wayne County to disperse to municipalities. The city will purchase the vehicle from Holland Bus Co. of Holland, MI.

Typically, communities will use mobile command vehicles to organize large law enforcement or public safety endeavors that involve multiple agencies. In the vehicles, communication equipment is stored and supplies are kept on hand. The vehicle also provides shelter when a situation is considered prohibitive.

Sgt. Jerry Hardesty, who coordinates emergency efforts for the Canton Township Police, said the mobile unit is a great help to law enforcement officers.

"We're always willing to let out neighbors use the vehicle when things like the EQ fire occur," he said. "It's important to keep in mind that we can be better prepared if we can communicate – and (not being able to do so) can be a problem sometimes."

But given that there are other communities that will loan out their vehicles, one councilman wondered if having one in Romulus would be redundant.

"I just would not want to duplicate services," he said. "You're telling me that there are five or six of these in the area." In addition to Canton Township, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville Township and Wayne County have similar vehicles. Northville Township purchased theirs from Canton.

But Romulus is in a vulnerable position as an airport community, officials said. The crash of Flight 255 at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in 1987 shuttered the city for days, and the EQ fire are examples. Also, statewide or regional emergencies, like the blackout of August 2003, can create additional problems for the airport that might require involvement of the Romulus police.

The city initially received five bids for the vehicle, said Public Safety Director Charles Kirby. The vehicle will arrive this fall and will be stored at the police station, Maintenance will be provided by the city.

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the EPA, said the numbers show the area is safe for inhabitants.

"We really tried to get this moving quickly, and it could have been longer if there had been something wrong," he said. "But there wasn't and we're hoping everything is back to normal. We can now unequivocally say it's safe for residents."

The EPA has come under fire from residents as well as elected officials during the last two weeks for not releasing the data as soon as it was analyzed, most notable from Congressman John Dingell (D-Dearborn), who said the data was not being made public in a timely fashion. EPA officials have left a copy of the report for public inspection at the Romulus Public Library at 11121 Wayne Road.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said he's glad the report was finally released.

"Obviously, this is really good news that it's safe out there," he said. "I think it's good residents finally know there will be no lingering effects from this. I do think people were worried about this, so it's good to know."

Twelve above-ground storage tanks filled with hazardous liquids slated for remediation burned well into the night on Aug. 9. About 1,000 residents living in Romulus and nearby Wayne were evacuated. When they returned, many found their homes, cars and lawns covered with fallout – or black ash.

Romulus fire investigators are still investigating the cause of the fire. The plant, located on Van Born Road, is currently being cleaned under the oversight of the EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

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$61,000-per-year job for eight years. She is credited with modernizing services provided by the treasurer's office, including adding a credit-card system to collect property taxes. She has worked for the city for 22 years and was the deputy clerk for 14 years before she was elected to the treasurer's position.

Moore also has a history with the city. He worked as a financial manager in the treasurer's office for a few years before accepting a position in the private sector. He has been a financial manager and accountant for more than 20 years.

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he's not sure if he'll seek election in the future.

Crout, who is running for office for the first time, said he is happy with the numbers and feels he can gain more votes in November.

"There's going to be more people at the polls," he said. "I did pretty well. I'm going to continue working hard, and I think I'll be able to increase my numbers."

There is still time to register to vote in the November election – the deadline is Oct. 10. Romulus residents can register at city hall, 11111 Wayne Road, or at any Secretary of State location.

Opinion

River funds dry up

In the latest round of bad environmental news, officials in Wayne County have passed along the fact that Congress has mandated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rescind $80 million in previously awarded grants.

Among those valuable future projects jeopardized by this are several watershed restoration projects along the Rouge River, and funding for the Assembly of Rouge Communities (ARC), itself. The Arc is made up of 38 municipalities within the Rouge River Watershed; half of their budget comes from the EPA, the other half, from dues paid by the communities based on population and area within the watershed.

This organization is a standard of the way things ought to happen: they work with the governments to secure additional grant funding so they can spread out the projects with a relatively limited expense to the benefit of all.

Inter-governmental cooperation is a concept that has been fostered by state and federal officials as a way for local municipalities to cope as these same federal and state officials continually take away their funding. Now, a benchmark of that kind of cooperation is in jeopardy.

The goal of this grant freeze is most likely to find grant funds that have been allocated, but not yet used up, so they can be spent elsewhere. It almost goes without saying that the cost of the war overseas is continuing to add up, and now the government must deal with the after effects of one of the most cataclysmic natural disasters in history.

In the light of this, communities will have to, more and more, take care of themselves and continue to do more with less funding. The grants they used to look to to help them make improvements will become fewer and harder to come by because there will be more municipalities looking, and fewer lines to stand in.

It's our hope that this latest threat to governmental cooperation – and the environment – doesn't take place. The ARC and the work planned to bring the Rouge River back to its old glory days are far too important.

Goodwill outweighs 'rules'

A recurring theme has come to light in the ongoing coverage of the recovery of Hurricane Katrina: bureaucracy failed, but individuals and small groups persevered.

Here's a local example:

In Canton Township, owners of the FastLane Quick Oil Change wanted to put on a fundraiser to help victims of the hurricane. On Friday, they put up a temporary sign, which read Help Katrina Fund, near their business on the west side of Canton Center Road, just north of Ford Road. It was in the Ford Road right of way.

Township building inspectors visited the site by about 10 a.m. that day, though, because of a complaint filed against the business. They asked the owners to take down the sign. They refused, adding two more to promote the fundraiser.

It's not the first time the township sign ordinance attracted some attention. Anyone remember the scuffle over the Big Boy statue? That made headlines across the nation.

Now, we understand that the inspector was just doing his job. We understand the township's philosophy that if you make exceptions for one person or business, you have to make exceptions for every one – it's part of the reason the Canton Goodfellows are no longer allowed to sell their papers on the streets during their annual holiday donation drive, no one is allowed to sell in the streets.

It's also true that there probably wouldn't be any problem if the company had applied for a temporary permit or gone through proper channels.

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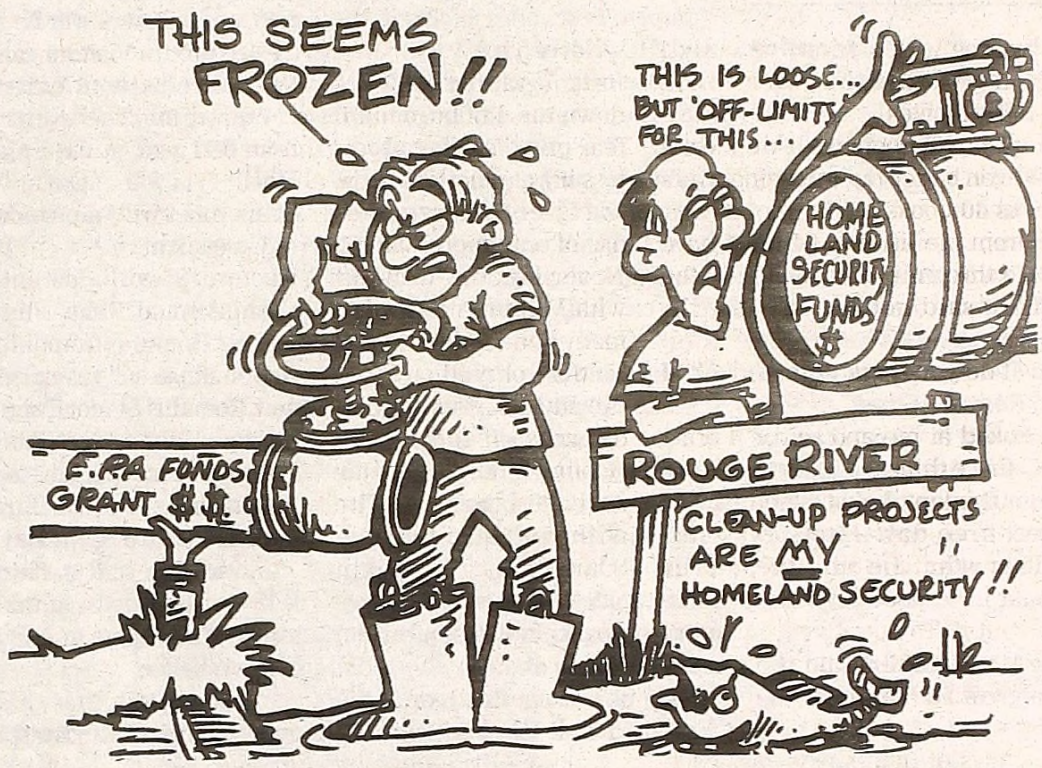
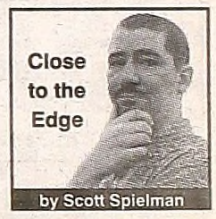


Hey, a guy can dream, right?



by Scott Spielman

One of the first things I noticed when I started to cover the City of Wayne a few years ago still makes my list of favorite buildings.

Almost everyone has a different name for it: the Butler building, the Jamison Block building, the old Exotic Ports building.

Even those who aren't familiar with it have probably seen it as they drove west on Michigan Avenue, it's the one with the blue boards over the windows, torn awnings and red tile roof next to the old Historic Wayne Theater. It's about a block west of Wayne Road.

Anyone who hasn't seen it may not be that excited by that brief description, but I always looked at it for its potential, not its current condition.

I had a dream, when I decided to stop working 60 hours a week for someone else and start working 70 or so for myself, to open up an independent bookstore in that building. My grand scheme included rented access to the open area of the theater next door, where I would have proposed a seasonal outdoor cafe or coffee shop. It's a fantasy, of course, the thing would cost so much to fix up and the independent bookstore market is such a tough one that it would be fiscally impossible. I would've had to charge $40 for a cup of coffee and, as I've often said, people can get overcharged for coffee anywhere.

Later, as I learned more about the history of the building, the interior condition of it and what it would take to make it habitable again, those dreams faded.

Even so, I had hopes that someone would revive it.

So I had mixed feelings when it fell under the dangerous building ordinance here in Wayne.

On one side, it's a perfect example of what city officials hoped for when they enacted the ordinance last year. It's something that has been in that dilapidated state for almost as long as anyone can remember. There have been no attempts to sell or lease it – or even to fix it up. The taxes are always paid, even though that takes place very

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Sense of community starts here

by Andrea King

Sometimes I wonder if people even read newspapers anymore.

I try not to think about it too long because if I do, I start to ask myself too many questions like: Do people really enjoy my writing? Am I really that bad a writer? Why am I here? What is my purpose in life?

It's just way too much to ponder on a Friday afternoon.

But after sitting through another lengthy Belleville City Council meeting last week, I couldn't help but have that nagging question pop back into my mind.

More than 80 people piled into the city hall chambers that night. Everyone was there for one reason: to respond to the central dispatch network services leaving the city.

Most people yelled about how it should remain in the city and how the issue needs to go before the voters. Those, I agree with, but what came next I took very personally.

One resident stood up and asked if this has even been covered in the newspapers?

I thought to myself "You have got to be kidding me. Is this lady crazy?"

The first time I let it slide, but then it came up again and then again. Obviously, these people have not been reading the papers because ever since this topic (Central Dispatch Network) has been an issue, it has not only been covered in *The Belleville Enterprise* week after week, but also the other local papers and even The Detroit News.

I found my face turning red (and not just because it was more than 100 degrees in the building), but because I was angry at people accusing me of not doing my job.

Are newspapers a dying art form?

In the early days, people would run around town gossiping about "who did what" and "did you hear about so and so" until eventually someone decided to market that technique and publish it in on paper—hence the newspaper.

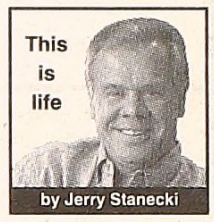
Today, newspapers have grown beyond that (not to say that the "gossip" practice has totally died) to provide the events, news and other important stories in the community.

Researchers have found that readers want: better content, especially community news; variety; good service; more openness to change; an easier-to-use paper; attractive design; shorter stories in some cases, but longer stories in other cases; a narrative-style writing; and overall, a good mix of content. Things that we writers, editors, publishers, designers and salespeople work very hard to create.

But with the ever-changing technology, declining numbers in readership and lack of interest from the younger-generations, I can't help but ask: will newspapers eventually go away for good?

I hope not, because not only will I be out of a job and a paycheck, but I'll also be unable to find the true sense of what is going on in our communities, country and world.

Peace is sometimes simply a matter of choice



While visiting with a friend recently, I explained in great detail an idea I have for distributing movies.

Elmore "Dutch" Leonard, a wonderful writer and even better human being who's had 17 of his 40 books made into movies, sat across from me listening. I must have taken a good three minutes to explain the plan. Elmore said not a word, just listened.

"So. What do you think of that idea?" I asked.

Dutch looked at me and said, " I don't think about those things."

I laughed thinking he was kidding. He wasn't and three days later I was still mulling over what Dutch had said. It inspired me.

Think about it. To not allow your mind to be cluttered with all of the outer noise and chaos thrown at us today. To focus on what rewards you.

In these days of high stress, fast pace and constant demand for multi-tasking, we live in an ever-pressing desire for instant gratification world. We tend to bog down quickly, burn out faster. We live in a fear based society, always threatened with loss if we're not able to be all, to all.

Never before in our country has the use of anti-depressants been so prevalent. Never before—well maybe in the 1960s with Valium— has a society relied on so many anti-anxiety medications.

More often than less, I hear young people in their 20s talking about the anti-depressant they're taking? The Echo Boomers, born between the late 70s and early 90s struggle with reality of living within their means in a real world. Sometimes called "trophy" children, the EB were raised pampered, catered to and considered special. They are team members who group think, demand instant satisfaction and unfortunately, many have no idea how to live within a limited budget.

Some EBs believe they are the "perfect" generation. Those that buy that are a crash waiting to happen.

We have become a medicated society, one that tends to avoid feelings, especially when they are painful feelings. I'm not against the use of medications, however, I am alarmed at how loosely the meds fly as the answer for everything.

Granted some of us suffer from mental disorders, but a hell-of-a-lot more suffer from a thinking problem. We are quick to react, can't wait to jump into chaos, and easily buy into fear. We live in tomorrow or yesterday, which feeds the fears of today. Chaos is safe, quiet times scary and happiness is a grab and run.

What's all this got to do with what Dutch said?

Everything, because the more I learn to accept what I truly cannot change, and take action on what I can, the more peaceful my life is. I forget I have the power of choice. I can choose to think about things or not. I can jump into the fires of a crazy world and become a whirling dervish, or I can do what I do best to help others and focus on that.

Thanks, Dutch.

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Signs

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It should also be noted that the township is working to provide relief efforts to the storm-damaged region, as well. Officials started a Canton to Canton project aimed to help their sister city of Canton, MS.

But come on, if there's ever a situation that transcends these minor bureaucratic procedures, it's got to be something like this. Hurricane Katrina caused a national crisis on an unprecedented level. It's effects will be felt for months, if not years. Surely the township could take a less stringent approach to their ordinances during this national time of crisis.

If it is a matter of not wanting to allow one business to do what others cannot, why not approve a moratorium on temporary signs for businesses that want to put on and promote hurricane relief fundraisers? That would set a more positive precedent and it would still give officials the control they seek: they could set the parameters, the time frame and all of that.

Fortunately, it doesn't look like this situation will negatively impact either the business or the relief effort; township officials said they don't plan to fine the owners of the oil change facility and the fundraiser brought in more than $2,000.

It was a good idea and a grand gesture, and we salute the owners of FastLane, permit or no.

Dreams

FROM PAGE 4

near the deadline. It's at a prominent place in town, too, visible to the 40,000 cars that traverse the roadway every day. The city wants it either fixed or taken down.

The owners of the building, Grizel Butler and her husband, Floyd Andrews, have promised to fix up the building. They're taking the initial findings of their first hearing in front of the dangerous building officer – that the building be torn down – to an appeal board in October.

Andrews said they'll bring construction drawings and a finance plan in hopes of staving off demolition.

Part of me hopes they're successful. The building isn't much to look at now, but it does have a lot of potential. I like to see it reach that, but I wonder if it might be cheaper just to tear it down and build another one that looks just like it.

But like others in the city, I'm concerned that it's just another delaying tactic; officials have heard that the building would be fixed up before, but those promises have never translated to action.

I'm convinced, though, that this property is essential to the further revitalization of the downtown area. Located where it is, near the active State Wayne Theater, it could bring more foot traffic downtown and help spur other developments along the road.

Who knows, maybe some day my dream will come true there, too.

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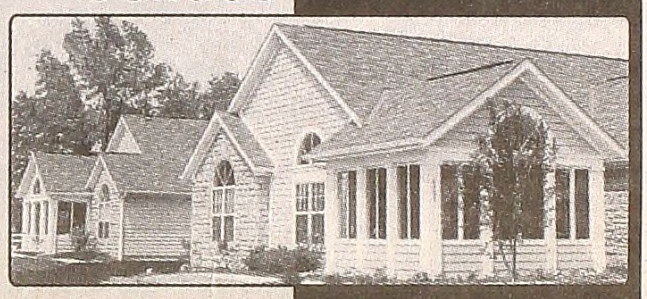
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The Scene

THE EXORCISM OF EMILY ROSE

Movie may make you a believer

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Who would have ever thought to mix the horror genre with a courtroom drama?

Director Scott Derrickson believes his *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* is the first such marriage.

He, along with Paul Harris Boardmann, wrote the screenplay about the alleged demonic possession that leads to the death of 19-year-old Emily Rose. The screenplay puts the priest in charge of the exorcism in court to defend his actions.

It sounds odd, but the splicing of the two genres works. The only downside of the film is the made-for-TV feel.

At first I thought the film couldn't go wrong with actors such as Laura Linney, Campbell Scott and Tom Wilkinson heading the project. But the courtroom lacks the atmosphere one might expect from a horror movie—dark, gloomy and maybe even emotionally compelling. Instead, the room is stark, leaving those scenes entirely up to the actors. The result is a mix of bland courtroom scenes—nothing that couldn't be found on *L.A. Law*.

However, much like alleged cases of possession where humans are mere vessels for demons to move between their world and ours, the courtroom scenes are simply the links connecting the legal implications of the case with the scenes of horrific demonic possession. But like I said: somehow it all works.

Linney is the bright spot of the entire film. She plays Erin Bruner, the attorney in charge of defending Father Richard Moore (Wilkinson) who's charged with the negligent manslaughter of Emily Rose.

Throughout, Erin, a self-proclaimed agnostic, struggles with her past. She had made the headlines previously by successfully defending a murderer she knew was guilty and now she questions her actions. She takes the present case with the promise of a partnership at the firm she works for – but only if she can successfully reduce the plea bargain that the prosecutor, Ethan Thomas (Scott), originally offered Father Moore.

Erin's career appears to spiral downward when an agreement can't be made and the case goes to trial. She then only has to do one thing: keep Father Moore from testifying—yet another bend that is bound to break her career.

Wilkinson, on the other hand, tends to just wander through his role without any attachment to his or any other character. And Scott's character is one that could have been played by anyone and he acts like it.

Father Moore is more concerned that Emily Rose's story is told rather than his own acquittal, which stresses how much he believes in what happened.

Erin and Ethan battle it out on the courtroom floor in non-dramatic fashion. Ethan tries to prove that Emily suffered from a rare case of psychotic epilepsy that could have been treated successfully with anti-seizure medication, but argues that Moore made her stop taking them, which resulted in her death.

Erin has the job of proving that Moore was doing what he thought was best for Emily. He believed the medicine would make the exorcism unsuccessful. The archdiocese, which gave Moore the go ahead with the rights of exorcism, is paying for the defense. They prefer that Father Moore make a plea rather than direct the spotlight to the church.

Derrickson does a great job showing both sides of the case at this point. As each lawyer debates their side of the story he uses flashbacks to show how the scene would look if demons were at work. During the prosecution's cross examination he uses scenes that show what things would look like if Emily suffered from epilepsy.

In the end it becomes a battle of facts against possibilities.

As the court drama unfolds, Emily's story is told through a series of flashbacks as explained by various witnesses. The movie follows her ordeal from the night she is initially attacked by unseen demons in her dorm room to the actual exorcism at her parent's farmhouse, somewhere in the Midwest.

There are several scary scenes—enough to make you jump but not too many to over do it.

Jennifer Carpenter takes on the grueling role of Emily and does a great job in the part. She screams, gurgles and screams some more before contorting her body into some outlandish – and frankly, frightening – positions all while trying to retain the innocent little girl buried inside.

She watches as the faces of friends and strangers turn into demonic grimaces—the only real special effects in the film. Emily Rose does lack the gross, spewing effects on which *The Exorcist* relied so heavily, which isn't a bad thing.

The real story of the film is that it's based off of true events that happened about 30 years ago.

In 1976, when *The Exorcist* was at its height, the Catholic Church made an extremely rare decision by recognizing the demonic possession of a German teenager Annaliese Michel. Doctors diagnosed her to have suffered from grand mal epilepsy, but her family, said to be religious fanatics, forwent medical treatment for an exorcism that failed, leading to her death.

The attempt was recorded and used as a basis for Emily Rose.

The fact that the movie is based on of true events made it freakier and left me a bit unsettled in the end.

The Exorcism of Emily Rose, despite the after-school-special feel, is worth seeing. It is smartly written and directed well while meshing two very different genres.

"Demons exist whether you believe in them or not," Father Moore said.

This film might make you believe that they do.

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OBITUARIES

BRAZEAU, William

William Jospeh Brazeau, 63, of Augusta Township, died Aug. 10.

Among his survivors are his wife of nearly 45 years,, Donna Elnore (Powers) Brazeau; children, Joseph Leland (Lisa Marie) Brazeau of Wisconsin and Donna L. (Robert) Finegan of Ypsilanti; siblings, Thomas (Denise) Stanley of Georgia, James (Sally) Stanley of Canton Township, Joyce Stanley, Joan Stanley and Alexis Stanley, both of Florida; and grandchildren, Elizabeth Brazeau, Quinn Finegan and Evan Finegan.

Mr. Brazeau was a member of Plumbers Union Local 98.

He served in the United States Navy and had a private pilot's license. Mr. Brazeau enjoyed visiting the Yankee Air Force Museum.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

DENISON, Timothy

Timothy Michael Denison, the 3-month-old son of Ryan Michael and Andrea Dawn (Wauer) Denison of Stockbridge died Aug. 16.

In addition to his parents, the infant is survived by grandparents, Anthony and Karen Durpis of New Boston, Michael Wauer of Belleville, Michael and Penny Valentine of Stockbridge, Shirley Wauer of Belleville, Lloyd and Barbara Verner of Temperance, Gary and Charma Denison of Florida, Richard and Sue Brown of Indiana and Mabel Beigh of Indiana; an aunt, Cari Yielding, and an uncle, Clint Wauer.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

ELDEN, Lawrence

Lawrence Elden, 67, of Dearborn, formerly of Belleville, died Aug. 30.

Among his survivors are his wife, Sarah D. 'Sally" (Smith) Elden; children, Paul Elden of Gibraltar, Laura (Keith) Cifor of Willis, Tim (Shelly) Eldenof Belleville and Joan Hurlin of Willis; step-children, Richard (Ilene) Honiss of Canton Township, Susan (Donald) Hayward of Macomb Township and Randall (Jamie) Honiss of Maryland; siblings Henry Elden of St. Clair Shores, Joseph (Delphine) Elden of Onstead and Rosalie (Barry) Abraham of Tennessee, and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Elden was employed by Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn for more than 20 years and worked at Yazaki for five years prior to his retirement.

A funeral mass was celebrated by Father Leo Sabourin at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Detroit where Mr. Elden was a member.

Interment of cremains will be in Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

BALL, Jimmie

Jimmie Harold Ball, 67, of Missouri, a former 40-year resident of Belleville, died Aug. 22.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 28 years, Pauline Marie Kennedy-Ball; children, Lisa Ann (Larry) Sierra of California, Barbara Ann (Kevin) Theek of Rockwood and Misty Lee Kennedy-Ball of Belleville; a brother, Larry (Sylvia) Ball of Milford, and grandchildren, Alexander and Hannah Theek, Natalia and Demitrius Sierria, and Gavyn Kennedy.

Mr. Ball retired from the General Motors Powertrain Ypsilanti plant as a quality control inspector after 30 years of employment. Mr. Ball was a member of the UAW local 735 in Canton Township.

Funeral services were at the South Side Baptist Tabernacle in Ypsilanti where Mr. Ball was an active member. Pastor Jimmy C. Walker officiated at the service.

Interment was at Little Prairie Cemetery in Missouri.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

WOOD, Larry

Larry N. "Woody" Wood, 67, of Romulus, died Aug. 26.

Among his survivors are his mother, Dorothy R. (Brisboys) Garrison; a sister, Dorothy W. Atkinson of Georgia; extended family members, Millie Keahey, Charles W. Irvin and Jimmy R. (Marina) Keahey, Jr, all of Romulus, Oley E. Keahey of Bay City, Jacklin (Steve) Beline of Taylor, Annie (Ted) Hall of Romulus, Ed (Cheryl) Scott of Georgia, Steve (Leah) Atkinson of Georgia, Randy (Theresa) Atkinson of South Carolina and Marc Atkinson of Georgia.

Mr. Wood was a member of Moslem Shriners in Detroit, the Mason Lodge Hiram Lodge 110, the Lodge Council Chapter Consistory Scottish Rite, the Moose Lodge in Belleville, an honorary member of the VFW 9568 in Romulus and the Local 299 Teamsters Union.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Neil Swanger of Westland Christian Union Church officiating.

Interment was at Stone Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Georgia.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Payne, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Deputy Director Smolen, Lieutenant Brooks, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-five (35).

Supervisor King requested a moment of silence be held in honor of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of August 15, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2005 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Director Champagne and Lieutenant Brooks acknowledged Alexander Schulz and Jennifer DeRosia as new police officers.

Director Champagne and Lieutenant Brooks presented K-9 Officer Eggleton with a plaque honoring the retirement of his K-9 dog Major for his years of service in the Public Safety Department.

A letter from a resident thanking the Community Services-Parks Department for the improvements made to French Landing Park.

A letter notifying the Public Safety Department of a grant award from the Michigan State Police for three preliminary breath test units to be used in patrol vehicles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the lot split of parcel V125-83-022-01-0029-003, West 228 feet of Lot 29, Denton Farms Subdivision in accordance with the Parcel Division Board memorandum dated August 23, 2005, specifically noting items one through six. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-27 approving the Downtown Development Authority plan to construct a new fire station on Belleville Road. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Preliminary Plat Approval for the proposed Bedford Cove Subdivision located on the west side of Elwell Road, south of West Huron River Drive, parcel number V125-83-113-99-0025-703, including the recommendations of the Township's Planning Consultant's letter dated June 16, 2005 and the Township's Engineering Consultant's letter dated June 17, 2005. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the appointment of Clerk Joannie Payne as the employer delegate to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agreement for water service for 12872 Hannan Road allowing the resident to obtain water service from the City of Romulus. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the reappointment of Stephen Weatherholt to the Environmental Commission and Environmental Commission representative to the Open Space Committee with term to expire October 1, 2008; to approve the reappointments of Lianne Clair, Joseph Roberts and Rick Ross to the Public Safety Committee with terms to expire July 30, 2007; to approve the reappointments of Robert Cook and Jason Cornellier to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2008; and to approve the reappointments of Charles Covington, Jane Millett and Wayne County Representative David Tyler to the Local Development Finance Authority with terms to expire August 12, 2009. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the September 6, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the July 2005 Budgetary and June and July 2005 Public Safety Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tax bills must be received in the Treasurer's Office by Thursday, September 30th. There is a drop box in the Public Safety Department Lobby where residents may deposit their payments when Township Offices are closed.

Recreation Manager Morris is collecting funds for the Red Cross to aid the Hurricane Katrina victims if you would like to donate drop your funds off at the Recreation Department by Tuesday, September 13th.

The Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department and the Canton Leisure Services will host a Family Fun Night on Thursday, September 8th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Tyler Elementary School located at 42280 Tyler Road.

The First Annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics will be held on September 12th through September 16th at Van Buren Township Hall. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

A video of up coming events in the township will be aired following the Board Meeting.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident inquired about the report on Michigan Avenue Fuel Development from Director Kelley. Supervisor King stated Director Kelley has provided the Board with a chronological report of the events of the proposed Michigan Avenue Fuel Development and those residents who live south of the proposed development.

A resident commented on the wetlands and the proposed Waste Management expansion and commercial property rezoning.

Trustee Hart requested the chronological report on the Michigan Avenue Fuel Development to continue.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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America's Walk for Diabetes is close to home

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Six years ago, 32-year-old Wesley Stephens had symptoms many people might ignore.

Stephens, of Romulus, lost about 20 pounds in a two-week time period. He also had headaches and a thirst that just wouldn't go away. His wife, Keeyna, made an ominous prediction, not really sure if she believed it herself.

"My wife was in nursing school and said I had symptoms of diabetes," said Stephens, a systems administrator on the Johnson Controls EPIC team in Plymouth.

One trip to the doctor later, the couple's fears were confirmed: Wesley Stephens was diagnosed with type I diabetes, more commonly known as juvenile diabetes. Because he had never had any problems with his glucose levels in the past, his age and the fact that he exercised regularly, the diagnosis came as shock to Stephens and his family – even though many of his immediate family members suffered from the disease.

"When I first was diagnosed, it was a major downer for me because of my lack of knowledge about diabetes," he said. "Since then, I've learned more about what you can and can't do with diabetes. It helped to have my wife by my side through it all."

Stephens' "downer" didn't last for long: in 2000, he walked in the American Diabetes Association America's Walk for Diabetes. In 2001, he became a Team Captain for Johnson Controls and began recruiting others to raise funds in the fight against diabetes.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, his team, "Wesley's Walkers," will walk at the Belle Isle Walk site in Detroit. It will be the team's fifth year in America's Walk for Diabetes at Belle Isle. Wesley will be joined by 40 family members, and what hopes is a large contingency of Romulus residents in Detroit.

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>
> **Wesley Stephens**

America's Walk for Diabetes is a national signature fund-raising event of the ADA with more than 100,000 participants in 250 sites across the country. Equal is national presenting sponsor of America's Walk for Diabetes. Other national sponsors are Fiber One, Cary's Sugar Free Syrup, People Weekly, Kraft Diabetic Choices, Diet Rite and, not surprisingly, Johnson Controls.

Diabetes is a difficult to treat, silent disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy. The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles. According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 18.2 million people in the United States, or 6.3 percent of the population, are struggling with the disease.

In Stephen's case, family history played a big role in his wife's suspicions. One of his grandmother's sisters has type 2 diabetes – the kind with which adults are usually diagnosed. Another died from complications of the disease. His eldest brother also recently was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

"His doctors tested him because my brother told them his younger brother had diabetes," Stephens said. "My other brother now is getting tested."

Interested walkers are invited to converge on Belle Isle on Sept. 24. Many teams already have been formed.

All proceeds from the event will benefit diabetes research, information and advocacy. Walkers are encouraged to get pledges from friends, family, co-workers and businesses. Walk routes vary from 3.5 miles to 8 miles. Walkers many sign up at www.diabetes.org.

CITY OF ROMULUS
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the City of Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, October 3, 2005 at 7:15 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments on the proposed special assessment district for street lighting in the Fairways @ Gateway Subdivision # 2.

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, please be advised that this statement serves as notice that appearance and protest at the October 3, 2005 public hearing is required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk's Office by mail no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, October 3, 2005 in order to reserve you right to protest the special assessment.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING!

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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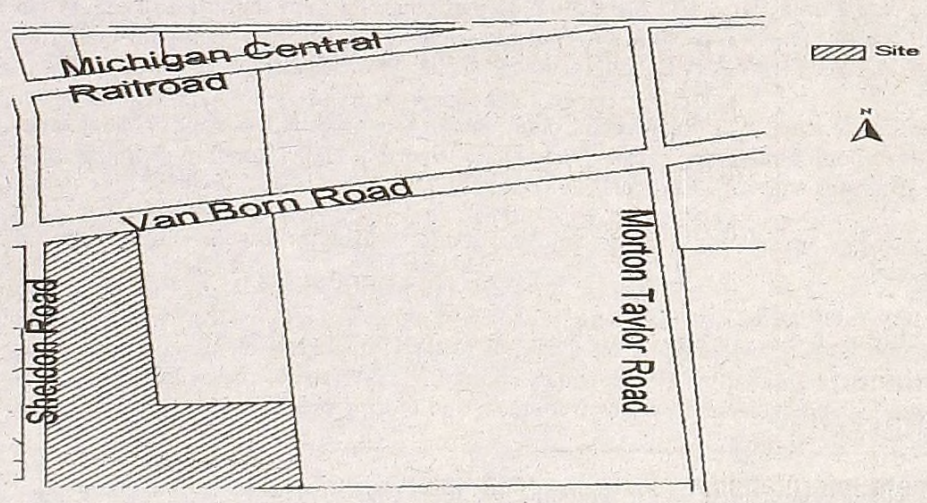
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday September 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-009-99-0006-702 approximately 20 acres proposed to be rezoned from M-1 General Industrial District to R1-C Single Family Residential.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the east side of Sheldon Road and west side of Morton Taylor Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of September 28, 2005.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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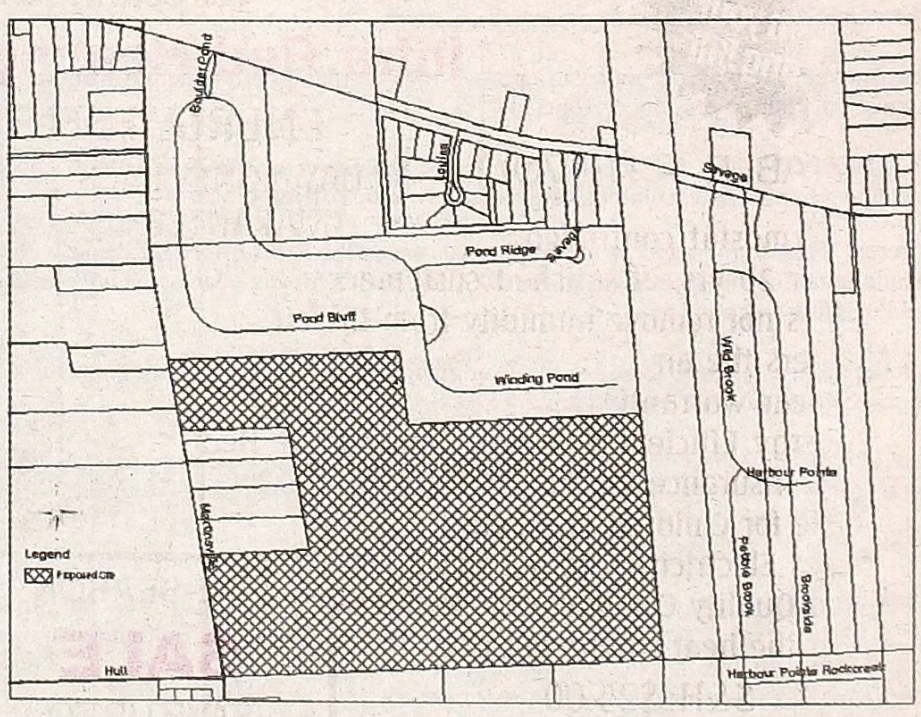
Parcel numbers V125-83-103-99-0002-000 approximately 99.84 acres proposed to be rezoned from AG Agriculture to R1-B Single Family Residential.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the north side of Martinsville Road, between Savage and Hull Roads.

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River blues

Federal government freezes river restoration project funds

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project (Rouge Project) is among the most effective river reclamation projects in the nation, and it's in jeopardy.

Officials in the Assembly of Rouge Communities (ARC) were recently informed by officials in Wayne County that the U.S. Congress mandated the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rescind $80 million in previously awarded grants, said Robert Beckley, chair of the ARC.

Among those grants are funds that are used Rouge River Watershed restoration programs and fund the ARC itself, a collection of representatives from 38 municipal governments throughout the huge watershed.

"This news is of great concern to the ARC as we are in mid-stride with our 2005 budgeted activities and 60 community projects, all of which are dependent on the federal grant match," he wrote in a letter to Bharat Mathur, acting regional administrator for the Midwestern region of the EPA. "The current freeze puts us in very tenuous positions as a great deal stands to be lost if projects are halted at critical periods, particularly for construction projects that have already broken ground."

The ARC itself operates on a $600,000 annual budget, half of which is funded by the EPA grants. The remainder is funded by the member communities, which contribute on the basis of their population and area within the Rouge River Watershed. The City of Wayne sends $5,220 to the budget, according to City Engineer Ramzi El-Gharib.

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>
> **El-Gharib**

"It's going to affect the operation of the organization, too," he said.

The ARC works with the local municipalities to secure even more grant funds for projects designed to help the health of the Rouge River and its environs, according to Beckley. There are currently 60 active projects in 35 units of government and agencies that total about $35 million in watershed restoration projects, he said. All of those have required a 50 percent local matching fund from the units of government.

The purpose of the freeze, he said, was to identify monies that had previously been allocated, but for projects that had not been used for any beneficial purpose.

"Unfortunately, as a result, many purposeful grant monies, including Rouge Project funds that support ARC watershed restoration programs, are being held pending an agency-wide review of grant balances with expired completion dates," he wrote.

The City of Wayne doesn't have any current grants through the system, but they have used funds in the past. Grants helped pay for the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project during the 1990s and the construction of the Equilization Basins, according to El-Gharib.

"We made good use of the funds in the past," he said.

Beckley said he sent the letter in hopes that the EPA would reconsider the fund freeze, at least in the light of the many projects under going and planned through the ARC.

El-Gharib agreed.

"It's a model to everyone in this nation," he said of the Rouge Project. "It's working great."

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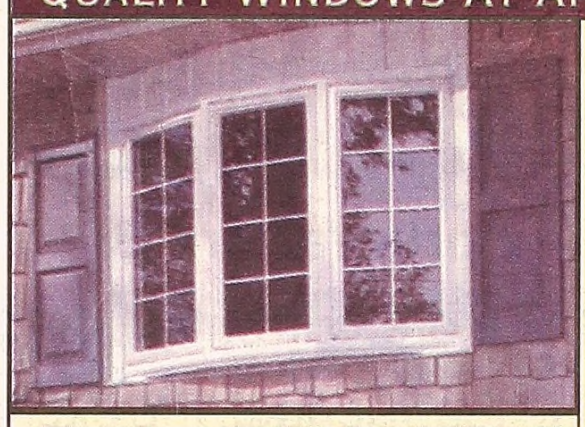

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The exchange is designed to develop professional and leadership skills, and to better prepare participants to address the global needs of their own communities when they return. It's a month-long program in which participants will travel throughout the district, engage in professional exchanges, and tour business and cultural facilities they would never see as a tourist. All travel and housing costs (and most other expenses) are covered by The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians.

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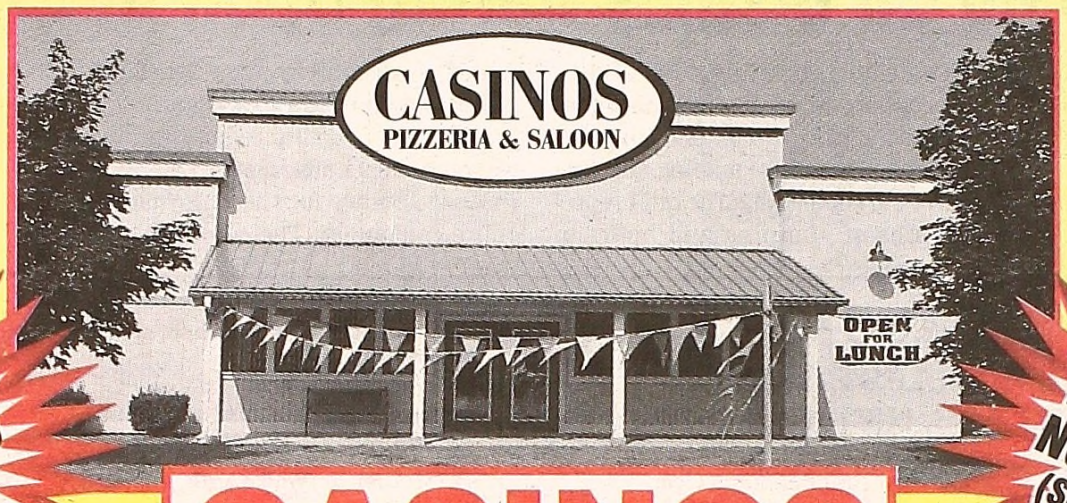

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Historic quilt to go on display during open house next week

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will host an open house from 4-6 p.m. on Sept. 22 at the Higgerson and Neal Chapel, located at 209 Main St. in Belleville, to honor the quilt artists who have created an elaborate appliqué pictorial quilt to commemorate the Centennial of the City of Belleville.

The reception will be the inaugural presentation of the quilt, a collaborative artwork that celebrates the founding and first 100 years of the community. The quilt represents months of planning and hours of skilled needlecraft by many dedicated local artists, according to a spokesman.

After the inaugural celebration, the quilt will be permanently installed at the Fred C. Fischer Library for the enjoyment of the entire community. The ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. on Sept. 29.

The arts council has also commissioned artist Chris Regan Rosales to produce a rendering of the quilt.

For more information, contact the arts council at 734-697-8123.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 22, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m, by Mayor Pro Tern Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-310

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 8, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Romak.
Motion Carried.

05-311

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to grant approval for a block party at the Highland Estates Community parking lot on August 27th at 6:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-312

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to request Mayor Lambert to contact Congressman Senator John Dingell concerning Northwest Airlines and the Northwest Airlines Mechanics strike, encouraging an agreement on both sides.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-313

4B. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution wishing a Happy 101 Birthday to Mrs. Dorothy Anderson.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-314

4C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Irene Helen Tryon.

Roll Call vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-315

4D. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution to be sent to Norman Manetta, Secretary of Transportation regarding the alarming high cost of gasoline.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-316

5A1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution determining a need for street lighting to be specially assessed in the "Preserves of Romulus".

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-317

5A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objections to the proposed street lighting in the" Preserves of Romulus" developments.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-318

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-05:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Police Department				
Revenues				
101-3110-512.54-41	W.A.J.I.S. Grant Rev.	0	12,814	12,814
Expenditures:				
101-3110-731.80-09	Capital Outlay WJAIS	0	12,814	12,814
101-3110-731.75-09	WAJIS -City Match	0	10,000	10,000
Fund Balance:				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	2,471,157	-10,000	2,461,157

To allocate revenue and offsetting expenditures for 2005 Wayne Justice Information System Grant along with required match of City's funds.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-319

5C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-06

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
State Law Enforcement Fund				
Expenditures:				
268-3720-738.80-10	Capital Outlay	210,280	12,000	222,280
Fund Balance		AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
268-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	194,628	(12,000)	182,628

To appropriate funds for the purchase of a Code Red Emergency Notification System.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-320

6A1. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 05/06-01 and 05/06-02 introduced at the Council Meeting held August 1, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-321

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 05/06-03 and 05/06-04 introduced at the Council Meeting held August 8, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-322

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-16 in the grand total amount of One Million, Two Hundred Ninety Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Thirty Four Cents. ($483,771.23).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Romak,, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 22, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 22,2005

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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5. Announcements

STANO, Carl & Patricia
The family of Carl and Patricia Stano wish to announce a celebration of 50 years of holy matrimony on September 17, 2005. The couple will be renewing their vows this Saturday with Rev. Jack Baker at St. Mary's Church in Wayne. The couple happily wed at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Detroit 50 years ago and had a reception at Topinka's restaurant in Detroit. Over the years the couple has raised a happy family of 7 children in the City of Wayne. They are very proud of their family of 5 sons, 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-law and 2 daughters-in-law. They have 8 grandchildren. The couple recently celebrated their anniversary over a beautiful Labor Day weekend at a K of C Park with family and friends. We wish them many, many more years.

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2 Dr Black
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2 Dr Black
1B3BZ54C1ED172927

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1Q87T4N185555

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1GCCT14B2F2114200

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StWgn Blue
1GKEL19W0PB522611

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4 Dr Blue
1G6DW5477LR733010

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4 Dr Burgundy
1G3WS54T9LD363027

1990 Buick Lesabre
4 Dr Blue
1G4HR54C7LH413660

1985 Ford Crown Vic
4 Dr White
2FABP43F9FX118401

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
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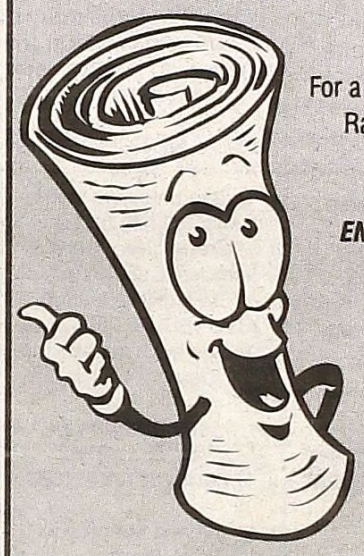

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SPORTS

Undefeated Canton hoopsters knock off Howell, 53-31

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Brian Symulski is off to a 3-0 start in his first year as the head coach of the Canton Chiefs girls' basketball team.

His latest victory was a 53-31 win against a tough Howell team.

Howell took an early two-point lead after the first quarter but Canton's stout defense picked up. So did their offense – they outscored Howell the rest of the way.

"We just pressured them a little more," Symulski said. "They turned the ball over some and we scored some baskets in transition. As a team I thought we defended well to hold Howell to 31 points."

The offense scored 16 points in the second to give Canton a 21-15 half-time lead. They limited Howell to seven points in the third while they racked up another 18 to extend their lead to 39-22. And in the final session, Canton outscored Howell, 14-9, for the win.

Junior point guard Becci Houdek led the Chiefs with 18 points on offense and recorded a double-double with 10 steals. She also had five assists and six rebounds in the win. Junior Ja'nee Morton added 13 points with five rebounds.

There was some concern after last season when senior Katie Cezat, a 6-foot forward who was a major inside force for Canton, graduated.

"The good thing is that the kids know that she is gone," Symulski said. "All the kids are making up for rebounds in other ways and are stepping up their level of play."

Along with Houdek and Morton's combined 11 rebounds, senior guard Lisa Ealy nabbed eight and senior Leslie Olech grabbed another six.

The 3-0 Chiefs defeated Novi, 50-36, and Dearborn, 52-26, for their two other victories so far this season.

Ealy led the team with 29 points against Novi. She scored 19 against Dearborn, with Houdek adding 14 with five assists and five steals. Olech nabbed another seven rebounds.

Canton's next four games will be tougher. They faced Marian on the road on Tuesday but the results of the game were unavailable at press time. They stay on the road against Flint Northern tonight and head to Ann Arbor Pioneer next Tuesday.

"If we can go in there and win those games it would be a huge boost for the kids," Sylmulski said.

Next Thursday, they host cross-campus rivals Salem.

Romulus' sophomore quarterback Larry Horne attempts a run in the team's 52-14 loss to Carlson last Friday night.

Carlson topples Romulus Eagles

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There were still about two minutes on the clock in the third quarter when Gibraltar Carlson's junior running back Dan Rawlins put the game out of Romulus' reach...way out of reach.

Rawlins' touchdown ran the score up to 52-14 against the young Eagles team in the gridiron match last Friday in Romulus.

For the last 14:30 minutes that's how the score would remain.

It looked like the game was going to be tight the whole way through, but Romulus failed to convert on key downs and turnovers put Carlson in position to score.

Carlson scored first at about the 8:09 mark of the first quarter but the extra-point attempt failed, leaving a 6-0 window open for Romulus to take the lead. The Eagles took full advantage of it. On their second play from scrimmage, Romulus' sophomore quarterback Larry Horne hit junior receiver Antonio Bailey for a 56-yard score. Junior kicker Jacob Eggers nailed the extra point to give Romulus their only lead of the game.

Romulus didn't score again until the 4:18 mark of the third quarter, when Horne hit tight end Antoine James for a 29-yard score. The kick was good, but by that time Carlson had already amassed 39 more points for a 45-14 advantage.

And, about two minutes later, Rawlins essentially put the game away with his five-yard jaunt.

Senior running back Ray Romero led the onslaught for Carlson. He had 12 carries for 129 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore running back Willie Mullins added six carries for 83 yards and a touchdown. Romulus is 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the Mega Blue.

Romulus played without star sophomore running back Mario Crawford.

The Eagles head to Dearborn Heights Crestwood for a 7 p.m. meeting tomorrow. Mathematically speaking Romulus would have to win their final six games of the season to have a chance at the playoffs. After Crestwood they host Garden City, head to River Rouge, host Highland Park and travel to Inkster and Belleville for the final two games.

Other scores:

The John Glenn Rockets blasted Livonia Churchill 31-0 in football. *See story at www.journalgroup.com.*

The Canton Chiefs football squad lost on the road to the Walled Lake Western Warriors, 21-14, last Friday night.

The game went into overtime with the score knotted at 14. Western scored first in the overtime period to give them the lead. Canton failed on five tries to get the ball in the end zone to hand over the win.

Running back Deshon McClendon led Canton with 148 yards rushing on 21 carries for two touchdowns.

Livonia Franklin defeated Plymouth, 14-7. Plymouth is now 2-1 on the season and will host Northville at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Walled Lake Central knocked off Salem, 48-8. Salem falls to 1-2 and will host Walled Lake Northern at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Minor hockey leagues adopt new NHL rules

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The National Hockey League (NHL) won't be the only organization facing changes this season.

Minor league hockey leagues like the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), of which the Plymouth Whalers are a part, and the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) have adopted the new NHL rules as well.

At a conference in London, Ontario last week, the CHL and the OHL decided to endorse the new changes and a new standard of enforcement for the existing rules. The decision comes months after the NHL changes and just weeks before the regular season begins for the minor leagues.

The changes are:

An area behind the net has been established to restrict the goalkeeper when playing the puck behind the goal line. A violation would result in a delay of game penalty.

A team that has committed an icing infraction is not permitted to make any player substitutions.

Any player who shoots the puck over the glass and out of play from his defending zone will receive a delay of game penalty, except for when the puck goes out of play into the players' bench. A penalty will also be given to a goalie that, inside or outside the goal crease, freezes the puck without immediate pressure from an opponent.

The penalty assessed for diving has been changed from an unsportsmanlike conduct call and will simply be considered a minor penalty for "diving." The OHL has also added a 10-minute misconduct to diving penalties.

Players rushing in offside will have an opportunity to avoid a whistle if they "tag up" at the blue line before reentering the zone.

The red line will not be used, allowing two-line passes.

And, in the case of a tie, the game will have one four-on-four five-minute overtime period. If the game remains knotted there will be a shootout. The visiting team will shoot first and alternate five shots with the opposing team. If it remains tied, the shootout goes into sudden death. The teams must go through their entire roster before a player can take a second shot.

The CHL has also adopted the NHL's standard of enforcement for hooking, holding and tripping of the puck carrier as well as interference of the non-puck carrier.

Sarnia defeats Plymouth, 4-3, in shootout

The new rules proved costly for the Whalers on Saturday as the Sarnia Sting defeated them, 4-3, in an over-time shootout in a preseason game played at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The game was tied, 3-3, after

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James Neal (19) and the rest of the Whalers kick off the regular season on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Saginaw. Their home opener will be at 7:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 24.

SPORTS

Mustangs capitalize on Wayne miscues, get first win

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Holding on to the ball is one of the first things football coaches teach in the early days of practice. After their performance last weekend against Northville High School, the Wayne Memorial High School Zebras need to revisit those drills.

Wayne (1-2, 0-1 Western Lakes Athletic Association) coughed up the ball seven times on the way to a 27-6 loss to the Mustangs. Northville (1-2, 1-1 WLAA) recovered four of those fumbles. They capitalized on Wayne's miscues, turning the drops into 14 points. Senior wideout Steve Clark recovered two fumbles, while senior linebacker Chris Estes and senior tight end Mike Burke each recovered one.

"We caught some lucky breaks," Northville Coach Ryan Hockman said. "In our first two games, we couldn't catch any breaks, but our kids played with enthusiasm and we were able to do some things we couldn't in our first two games."

The win was Hockman's first as headman at Northville. He said his young squad has improved since their 40-13 season opening loss to Saline.

Clark was also a standout on the offensive side of the ball. He hauled in four catches for 64 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Mike DeLuca. DeLuca had a solid performance under center, completing 8 of 14 passes for 104 yards and a score. DeLuca also hit paydirt with two touchdown runs near the goal line. Junior running back Dittrick Williams turned in a solid performance, running for 105 yards on 27 carries.

On the other side of the ball, Northville senior defensive back Chris McGuire recorded a team-high 13 tackles and an interception, while senior lineman Evan Duey recorded a sack.

Maybe their first possession was an omen for the Zebras. On fourth and two, Wayne elected not to punt. The conversion attempt failed, resulting in the Zebra's first miscue of the contest. Wayne fumbled two more times in the first half, putting the Zebras in a 20-0 hole at the half.

Hockman said the performance was not indicative of the type of team Wayne has.

"They've got a quality group," he said. "They're well coached. They gave us everything we could handle, and everything we could ask for. I think they'll bounce back from this."

Hockman's unit's next test is a road contest with Plymouth (2-1, 1-1 WLAA) at 7 p.m. tomorrow. He said that game will serve as a good barometer of where his team is.

"Plymouth's group has been together four years," Hockman said. "They've got a good team, too. We're gonna have to be sharp to win that game."

Canton soccer tops Western, boosts winning record to 5-1-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs soccer team is hitting full stride with a 5-1-1 record to start the season.

The Chiefs, ranked sixth in the state by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association, won two of their last three games and played to a tie in the other.

Most recently they took on the Walled Lake Central Vikings on Monday and fought their way to a 2-1 victory.

Central went ahead first with a goal in the opening 10 minutes of the game to lead, 1-0. Shortly after that Canton received a red card and was down a man the rest of the game, according to Canton Coach George Tomasso.

But that didn't stop them.

Canton's senior forward Paul Newall knotted things up when he knocked one in from about 12 yards out. And at about the 70-minute mark, defender Eric McKee belted one in off of a corner kick to propel the Chiefs to a victory.

Junior goalie Parker Laabs made four sound saves to hold Canton in the game.

"I know not to put anything past a Walled Lake team," he said.

"I think we played well. In the second half all the boys showed a lot of character to come back from a one-goal deficit and with only 10 men on the field."

They started the week with a 3-0 victory against Walled Lake Western last Wednesday in Canton.

Newall scored in the first half at about the 32-minute mark.

Canton gained more ground in the second half with two more goals to put the game away, 3-0.

Midfielder Garrett Fishaw scored the first from about 25 yards out to make it 2-0. Senior defender Josh Schifferd scored the second.

Laabs made three saves for the shutout. Sophomore goalie Matt Revers made one save in the second half.

Canton hosted Warren De La Salle on Saturday. The result was a 0-0 tie.

Laabs made six saves for his fourth shutout of the season.

Tomasso hopes to continue with their controlling style of play, which was successful last year.

"We like to play a high paced game and keep possession and combine to produce opportunities," he said. "We want to play the game for what it is—play for what ever the situation calls for."

Tomasso had 12 seniors graduate from last year's team with eight players returning.

Seniors Ben Krause, a forward; McKee, and midfielders Fishaw and Justin Diega are all back with the team. Juniors Ryan Dugan and Erich Zech, both defenders, along with forward Matt Kulczycki and midfielder Keith Campbell are back as well.

New to the team this year is Laabs, freshman midfielder Scott Zech, sophomore Logan McGraw, junior midfielder Kyle Gring and Newall hailing from England.

Canton hosts Saline at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

On Saturday, Oct. 8 they will host a Canton-Salem Alumni game starting at 4:15 pm. The junior varsity teams will take to the field at 5:30 p.m. The varsity play at 7 p.m.

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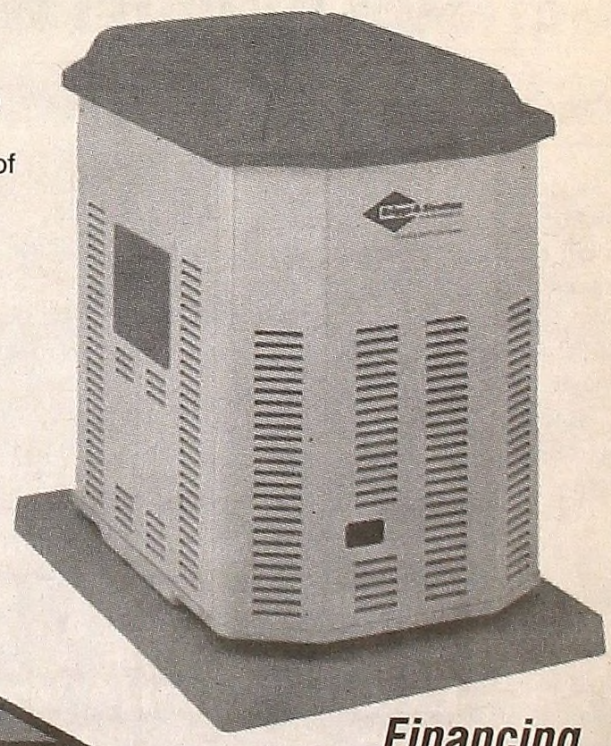

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SPORTS

Vikes shut out Ecorse, 25-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Inkster Vikings landed their first shutout in at least three years when they defeated Ecorse, 25-0, last Friday night in Ecorse. The win boosted their record to 2-1.

"We're improving—that's what we're striving for." said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "We're starting to figure out what we need to do to win."

The game started with a scoreless first quarter, but things picked up in the second after the Vikes recovered a blocked punt on Ecorse's 42-yard line.

Just five seconds into the session, Troy Robinson finished the drive when he punched through the defense for a four-yard touchdown run. The extra point was good for a 7-0 lead.

With about 3:14 left in the first half, Inkster struck again. This time, sophomore quarterback Aaron Shavers hit receiver JJ Snelling for a 22-yard score. The extra point attempt failed, but the Vikings had a 13-0 advantage.

Inkster extended their lead further when Shavers connected with Alfonso Smith for a five-yard trip to the end zone with time expiring in the half.

Robinson ended an 11-yard drive in the third frame with a one-yard plunge into the end zone. Inkster missed the extra point but had a 25-0 lead. They managed the final score without Shavers, who went out with an injury and missed the rest of the game.

Ecorse made a move at the beginning of the fourth when they had a first down inside of Inkster's 10-yard line. But the Vikes' defense held strong and kept them at bay.

Shavers went 5-for-8 with 105 yards and two TDs. Robinson racked up 117 yards on 19 carries with two scores. Fullback Dominique Ware rushed for 75 yards and recorded nine tackles as a linebacker on defense.

The Vikings could be without Shavers for most of the season due to his injury and will have to choose between Renty Rollins and Anre Goree, according to Carter.

In the third week of the season the team has already won twice as many games as last year's team had. Carter hopes his philosophy of teaching the kids to win continues to work.

"I think the kids expect to win," he said. "They're starting to learn how to win on game day and are being very receptive. We have to put the Ypsilanti game behind us."

Their only loss this year was a heartbreaker to Ypsilanti the previous week.

Inkster will host Annapolis at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Brighton holds off Salem shooters

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Salem Lady Rocks' suffered their first loss this season when they fell, 43-29, to Brighton in the team's second warm-up of the season before starting conference play.

It wasn't as bad as the scoreboard showed, though. Salem was down only six points at the end of the three quarters of play, according to Salem Coach Fred Thomann.

"We were in the hunt," he said. "We just have to make a few more shots."

Brighton outscored Salem, 13-5, in the final session for the win.

Salem scored eight points in each of the first three quarters to keep pace with the Bulldogs, but Brighton went on a 4-0 run at the end of the third to take a six-point lead, according to Thomann.

Junior forward Teresa Coppiellie led the Rocks with 12 points with eight of them in the second half. Lauren Kurtz added six.

It didn't matter, though. Brighton – along with upcoming Belleville, Howell and Mercy high schools – was a non-conference game. All are good teams to prepare Salem for Western Lake Conference play, according to Thomann.

"I like to warm up for conference play against good programs," he said. "I think we're a good program and we will learn from playing other good programs."

Salem plays at Howell tonight and hosts Mercy on Saturday.

"We're 1-1 with 18 games left to play," he added.

"The next four games will give us a real good look at what kind of season we will have."

Around the net

The Belleville Lady Tigers fell, 56-50, to Dearborn on the hardwood last Tuesday.

The Lady Vikings of Inkster remain undefeated with a 62-40 victory against River Rouge last Thursday.

Northville Lady Mustangs split their games last week. They defeated South Lyon, 45-32, last Tuesday and lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 42-37, last Thursday.

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John Glenn defeated Farmington 52-45 in overtime last Tuesday. Brittany Brown scored 13 and Heather Lindon 12 for the Rockets.

Plymouth lost 39-27 against Adrian last Tuesday. Kim Olech had 12 points and seven rebounds for Plymouth. The Wildcats defeated Farmington Hills Mercy, 37-31, last Thursday. Jeanine Moise had 11 points and 10 rebounds and Olech added 10 points and 11 rebounds.

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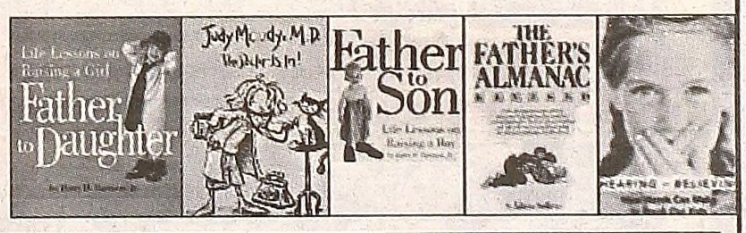

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Sports

Westland Comets, Meteors get new look

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Westland Comets and Meteors little league football teams recently received a makeover.

For the first time in more than 20 years for the Comets, 10 for the Meteors, the teams will don a new style of uniform this season.

Thanks to the hard work of the teams' board members and unit directors Keith DeMolay, a 23-year veteran of the Comets organization – 18 as unit director – and Chris Ruska in his first year a director of the Comets, the teams have been raising money to make this happen.

They have been selling raffle tickets that could win one lucky buyer a brand new Pontiac G6. The drawing is scheduled to take place Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The extra money from ticket sales enabled the two teams to but new styled jerseys, pants and other miscellaneous equipment needed for a successful season.

Ruska has done all of the leg work as far as finding designs and collecting samples—12 total—and allowing the coaches to make the final decision. The process has been going on since February, he said.

They put the new uniforms to good use this past weekend.

The Comets won all three of their games against the Ypsilanti Lincoln Railsplitters. The freshmen squad (ages 8-10) won their game, 26-12; the junior varsity (ages 11-12) and the varsity (11-14) teams both won their games, 26-6.

The Meteors' freshmen crew won their game, but the junior varsity group fell, 24-6. The varsity pulled ahead with a 34-14 victory.

The two organizations will face each other in their traditional meeting this Saturday at John Glenn High School. It will be the first time that the teams have ever played on field turf.

Freshmen start at noon and junior varsity and varsity will follow respectively.

Westland Comets' Reynold Farcassi, 13, varsity quarterback; Kurtis Newman, 10, freshman wide receiver; and Steven Murphy, 13, varsity halfback model the organization's new style uniforms—the first change in more than 20 years. The Meteors, not pictured, also changed styles this year.

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Early turnovers cost Belleville in 32-27 loss

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Turnovers gave the Belleville Tigers their third loss in three games when they faced Monroe in last Friday night's gridiron match-up. Monroe won the contest, 32-27.

The three miscues in the first quarter led Monroe to just as many touchdowns and a 24-0 advantage after one period of play, according to Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe.

Belleville hopped back on track with a score in the second quarter. Quarterback Josh Lemons hit running back Carlos Clark for a 62-yard touchdown.

After half-time the Tigers came out as a new team and started to put points on the board. They limited Monroe to eight points the rest of the way.

The third frame belonged entirely to Clark, who scored two touchdowns for the Tigers. The first one was a 20-yard jaunt to the end zone. Belleville failed on the two-point conversion. He then followed with a 30-yarder to pay dirt and Lemons connected with tight end John Roberts for the two-point conversion.

Monroe squeaked out another score in the period to make it a 32-21 game.

In the fourth, Clark would have scored his fourth TD of the night but the 30-yard sweep for a score was called back on a holding penalty. Then Belleville fell just six inches short from the goal line and turned the ball over on downs, according to LaPointe.

> *A 24-point deficit is difficult in high school, or at any level to overcome.*

On their next possession Belleville scored on a fullback draw by Dennis Alexander from 19 yards out. They missed the two points to make it a 32-27 game.

Belleville only had one timeout left when Monroe received the ball back with less than four minutes to go. Monroe ran out the clock for the victory.

"The second half was a whole different game," LaPoint said. "We outscored them, 20-8, in the second half. Monroe had three interceptions that led to three touchdowns. Take two of those away, that's a 13 or 14-point swing. A 24-point deficit is difficult at the high school, or at any level to overcome."

Belleville gained 140 yards on the ground on 33 carries for three touchdowns.

Clark had the majority of yards with 85 on 16 tries and two receptions for 72 yards. Receiver Anthony Wafer had three grabs for 73 yards. Lemons finished the day 5-of-12 for 145 yards.

Middle linebackers Brandon Tarhanick and Greg Manley had solid games, according to LaPointe, and led the team in tackles.

Monroe's quarterback Audie Cole had 229 offensive yards, including scoring runs of one and five yards and a 34-yard touchdown pass. Fullback Kevin price rushed 19 times for 131 yards and scored on a 40-yard run.

Belleville is 0-3, but they have lost their three games by a total of nine points.

Things won't get any easier for the Tigers as they host Allen Park at 7 p.m. tomorrow. Allen Park has made it to at least the state semi-finals in each of the last three years. They are undefeated this year, with 22 starters returning. They scored 56 points against Taylor Kennedy last week.

"They (Allen Park) can do a lot of things offensively," LaPoint said.

"We have to control the ball and not give them any big plays. They have a lot of weapons, so you can't just take out one person."

Whalers

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regulation time wore out. The five-minute overtime period went scoreless, resulting in the shootout.

Sarnia won the shoot-out, 2-1, with Harrison Reed scoring the winner. Michael Haley scored the other for the Sting. John Vigilante scored the lone tally for Plymouth.

The Whalers' Tom Sestito, Gino Pisellini and Andrew Fournier scored in regulation. Richard Clune scored twice and Mark Lytwun scored for Sarnia.

The Whalers had the lead twice through regulation but couldn't hang on for the win.

Justin Garay faced 31 shots in the contest.

Plymouth overcomes deficit to knock off Sting, 4-3

The story was quite the opposite the previous night when Plymouth came from a two-goal deficit to defeat the Sarnia Sting, 4-3, at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre in preseason play.

Sarnia led the Whalers, 3-1, after two periods of action but Plymouth scored three unanswered goals in the third frame to take the win.

It was James Neal's goal at about the 8:54 mark of the third that put the game away. It was his second goal of the game.

Vigilante and Pisellini also scored for Plymouth.

Jamie Fraser, Daniel Lombardi and Lytwyn scored for Sarnia.

The Whalers will play in a four-team preseason tournament starting tomorrow against the Toronto St. Michaels Majors in Erie, PA. Erie hosts Saginaw in the other Friday night game.

The losers of Friday's games will play in the first game on Saturday, while the winners play in the following match-up.

Plymouth starts the regular season on Wednesday, Sept. 21 in Saginaw. The home opener is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 24, against Sarnia.

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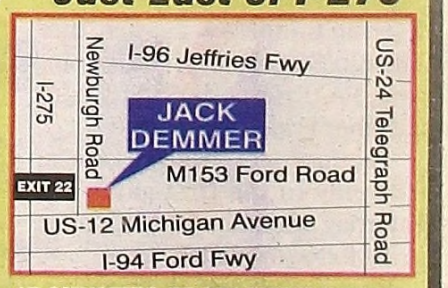

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